

REMARKS

This application has been carefully considered in connection with the Examiner's Final Office Action dated June 23, 2010. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the following.

Summary of Rejections

Claims 14-23 and 32-42 were pending at the time of the Final Office Action.

Claims 14-16, 19-22, 32-34, 38, 39, 41, and 42 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

Claims 17, 18, 23, 35-37, and 40 are allowable if independent Claim 14 is amended to include all the limitations of claims 17, 18, 23, 35-37, and 40.

With regard to the art rejections, the Final Office Action has cited McConnell, et al., U.S. Pub. No. 2003/0074313 ("McConnell"), Beckman, U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0143674 ("Beckman"), and Official Notice ("Official Notice").

Summary of Claims

Claims 14-16, 18-23, and 32-42 are currently pending following this response.

Claims 14, 18, 23, 32, 35, 37, and 40-42 are currently amended.

Claim 17 is canceled herein.

Claims 1-13 and 24-31 were previously canceled.

Claims 16, 20, 22, 33, 34, 36, 38, and 39 were previously presented.

Claims 15, 19, and 21 remain as originally submitted.

Remarks and Arguments are provided below.

Detailed Response**Rejection of Claim 14 Under 35 U.C.S. § 103(a)**

Claim 14 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over McConnell in view of Beckman.

I. Claim 14 has been amended to include the elements of allowable Claim 17.

Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 14 has been amended to include the elements of allowable Claim 17. The Final Office Action states that “[t]he limitations of claims 17-18, 23, 35-37 and 40 appear to be allowable if the applicant amends independent claim 14 to include all of the limitations of claims 17-18, 23, 35-37 and 40.” Furthermore, the Final Office Action did not reject Claim 17. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 17 is allowable. Accordingly, by amending Claim 14 to include the limitations of allowable Claim 17, Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 14 is not taught or suggested by McConnell in view of Beckman and respectfully requests allowance of Claim 14.

Rejection of Remaining Claims

Claims 15, 16, 21, 22, 32-34, 39, 41 and 42 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over McConnell in view of Beckman.

Claims 19, 20, and 38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over McConnell in view of Beckman in further view of Official Notice.

The remaining claims 15, 16, 19-22, 32-34, 38, 39, 41, and 42 all depend on Claim 14 and Applicant submits that none of the other applied references cure the deficiencies of the cited art discussed above. Accordingly, Applicant asserts that claims

15, 16, 19-22, 32-34, 38, 39, 41, and 42 are in condition for allowance for at least the reasons established above.

Furthermore, claims 18 and 35-37 all depend on Claim 14. Applicant notes that claims 18 and 35-37 were not rejected, which thereby makes them allowable. Applicant respectfully submits that allowable claims 18 and 35-37 are in condition for allowance for at least the reasons established above.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks Examiner Mussa A. Shaawat for the limitations of claims 17, 18, 23, 35-37, and 40 to be allowable if independent Claim 14 is amended to include all the limitations of claims 17, 18, 23, 35-37, and 40.

II. Allowable Claim 23 has been rewritten in independent form.

Applicant respectfully submits that allowable Claim 23 has been rewritten in independent form. The Final Office Action states that “[t]he limitations of claims 17-18, 23, 35-37 and 40 appear to be allowable if the applicant amends independent Claim 14 to include all of the limitations of claims 17-18, 23, 35-37 and 40.” Furthermore, the Final Office Action did not reject Claim 23. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 23 is allowable. Accordingly, by rewriting allowable Claim 23 in independent form, Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 23 is not taught or suggested by McConnell in view of Beckman and respectfully requests allowance of Claim 23.

III. Allowable Claim 40 has been rewritten in independent form.

Applicant respectfully submits that allowable Claim 40 has been rewritten in independent form. The Final Office Action states that “[t]he limitations of claims 17-18,

23, 35-37 and 40 appear to be allowable if the applicant amends independent Claim 14 to include all of the limitations of claims 17-18, 23, 35-37 and 40." Furthermore, the Final Office Action did not reject Claim 40. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 40 is allowable. Accordingly, by rewriting allowable Claim 40 in independent form, Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 40 is not taught or suggested by McConnell in view of Beckman and respectfully requests allowance of Claim 40.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance for the reasons stated above. If the Examiner has any questions or comments or otherwise feels it would be helpful in expediting the application, he is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (972) 731-2288.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any further fees associated with any of the foregoing papers submitted herewith, or to credit any overpayment thereof, to Deposit Account No. 21-0765, Sprint.

Respectfully submitted,

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